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11. WE THEN DISCUSSED LEBANON. WALI SEEMED HONESTLY UNCERTAIN OVER SYRIAN MOTIVES IN LEBANON AND WONDERED IF THE SYRIAN OBJECTIVE WAS TO ANNEX ALL OR PART OF THE COUNTRY. I REMARKED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD RECENTLY CRITICIZED SYRIAN INTERVENTION. WALI EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OUR STATEMENT AND I PROMISED TO SEND HIM THE TEXT OF THE PRESS BRIEFING. HE NOTED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD ALSO BECOME MORE CRITICAL OF SYRIA'S ROLE IN LEBANON. WALI CONFIRMED THAT IRAQ SUPPORTED AN ARAB PEACE KEEPING FORCE AS WELL AS A ROUND TABLE MEETING AS A MEANS BY WHICH THE VARIOUS PARTIES WITHIN LEBANON COULD WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

12. COMMENT: WHILE WALI'S ASSURANCE THAT IRAQ WOULD NOT ATTACK SYRIA SEEMED SINCERE, IRAQIS ARE OBVIOUSLY ATTEMPTING  
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TO STEP UP THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PROPAGANDA PRESSURES ON THE RIVAL SYRIAN REGIME. IT HAS NO DOUBT OCCURRED TO THE IRAQIS THAT PRESENCE OF LARGE IRAQI FORCES ON SYRIAN BORDER WOULD ENHANCE IRAQ'S CAPABILITY FOR INFLUENCING COURSE OF EVENTS

IN SYRIA SHOULD ASSAD'S REGIME BE OVERTHROWN AS A RESULT OF  
MISCALCULATIONS IN LEBANON.  
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